

AMENDED CLAIMS

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original claim 31 has been cancelled ; other claims are unchanged]

25.

A floatable vessel according to claim 24 in which the bow extension comprises a similar shape to that of the bow of the vessel and serves to lengthen the bow.

26.

A floatable vessel according to any of the above claims in which for a 110 mm 3-blade rough pitch propeller, the motor comprises two 7.8 to 9 amp/hr dry cell batteries wired in parallel, connected through an on-off switch to a 300 amp Mosfet speed controller operating in a mark space ration basis and being connected to a brush motor wound to provide 12 000 rpm at 12 volts, drive torque being achieved with the use of a 3:1 reduction box which provides a propeller speed underload of approximately 2500 – 3000 rpm.

27.

A floatable vessel according to any of the above claims in which the vessel is provided with one or more inflatable tubes located about the perimeter of the deck to improve buoyancy.

28.

A floatable vessel according to claim 27 in which the tubes are self-inflating.

29.

A floatable vessel according to claims 27 and 28 in which one or more handles are provided along the length of the deck and/or at the stern to enable persons to grab hold of the vessel and be towed by it.

30.

A floatable vessel according to any of the above claims in which the Vessel includes a propeller guard and/or rudder guard.